

Moellman family collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Moellmann family collection
Date	1825-1909
Extent	0.3 Cubic feet 1 manuscript box
Language	English
Language of Materials	Materials in English and German.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Wilhelm Moellmann was born in Germany on November 26, 1804. He and his wife, Wilhemina (1812-1888), came to America in 1835. Moellmann was the first minister of the Northern German Lutheran Congregation in Cincinnati. They had two daughters, Sophia (1835-1920) and Wilhelmina (1840-1906). He died on May 7, 1840. Rev. Moellmann's daughter, Sophia, married Carl Barus (1823-1908), a well-known musician and director of the Indianapolis Maennerchor. Their daughter, Alice Sophia (1867-1897) married millionaire Indianapolis brewer, Albert Lieber (1863-1934) in 1887 and they had 3 children. Their daughter, Edith Sophia (1888-1944), married Kurt Vonnegut, Sr. (1884-1957) on November 22, 1913 and they had 3 children. Their youngest child was the well known novelist, Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. (1922-2007).

Sources:

Information found within collection.

Ancestry.com. "Alice Sophia Barus." *Indiana Marriage Index, 1800-1941*. Accessed February 22, 2016.

Findagrave.com. "Alice Sophia Barus Lieber." *Find a Grave index*. Accessed February 22, 2016. <http://www.findagrave.com>.

Findagrave.com. "Edith Sophia Lieber Vonnegut." *Find a Grave index*. Accessed February 22, 2016. <http://www.findagrave.com>.

Findagrave.com. "Rev. Wilhelm Moellmann." *Find a Grave index*. Accessed February 22, 2016. <http://www.findagrave.com>.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains personal papers and correspondence of Rev. Wilhelm Moellmann from 1825 to 1839, including a diary of his voyage to America; personal papers and correspondence and of Mrs. Wm. (Wilhemina) Moellmann, Augustus Mollmann, Carl Barus, and other family members from 1840-1901; a variety of New Years cards, including a pop-up card, ranging from 1889 to 1902; miscellaneous invitations and programs ranging from 1879-1909; and 2 undated, unidentified photographs.

Many of the items in the collection are written in German. The original spelling of the family name was Möllmann and much of the correspondence is addressed with this surname. Rev. Wilhelm's family seems to have change the spelling to "Moellmann" after immigrating to America, but his brother, Augustus, used the spelling "Mollmann".

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2016/02/24 by Laura Eliason. EAD finding aid created 2016/02/24 by Laura Eliason.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Indianapolis Maennerchor.

Family Name(s)

- Moellmann family

Geographic Name(s)

- United States--Description and travel--19th century

Personal Name(s)

- Barus, Carl, 1823-1908
- Moelmann, Wilhelm, 1804-1840

Subject(s)

- Churches, Lutheran
- Immigrants
- New Year cards

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Rev. Wilhelm Moellman documents, 1825-1836	1	1
Rev. Wilhelm Moellman documents, 1837-1839	1	2
Moellman family and Carl Barus documents, 1840-1871	1	3
Moellman family and Barus family documents, 1872-1901	1	4
Moellmann family and Barus family documents, undated	1	5
New Year's cards, 1889-1896	1	6
New Year's cards, 1899-1902	1	7
Miscellaneous cards and programs, 1879-1909	1	8
Photographs, undated	1	9